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OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR

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THERE IS A NINETY-FIVE *PERCENT* PROBABILITY OF A *POWER RING* BEING INVOLVED, *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.*

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BY MY *CALCULATIONS*, SONIC SHOULD STILL BE IN *KNOTHOLE CITY* BUCKLING UP HIS *SHOES!* YET HE AND HIS PESKY *SIDEKICK* HAVE SOMEHOW ARRIVED AND INTEND TO ~~WIPE~~ AMBUSH MY ATOMIC *LAUNCH!*

M, HOW IS THIS *POSSIBLE?*

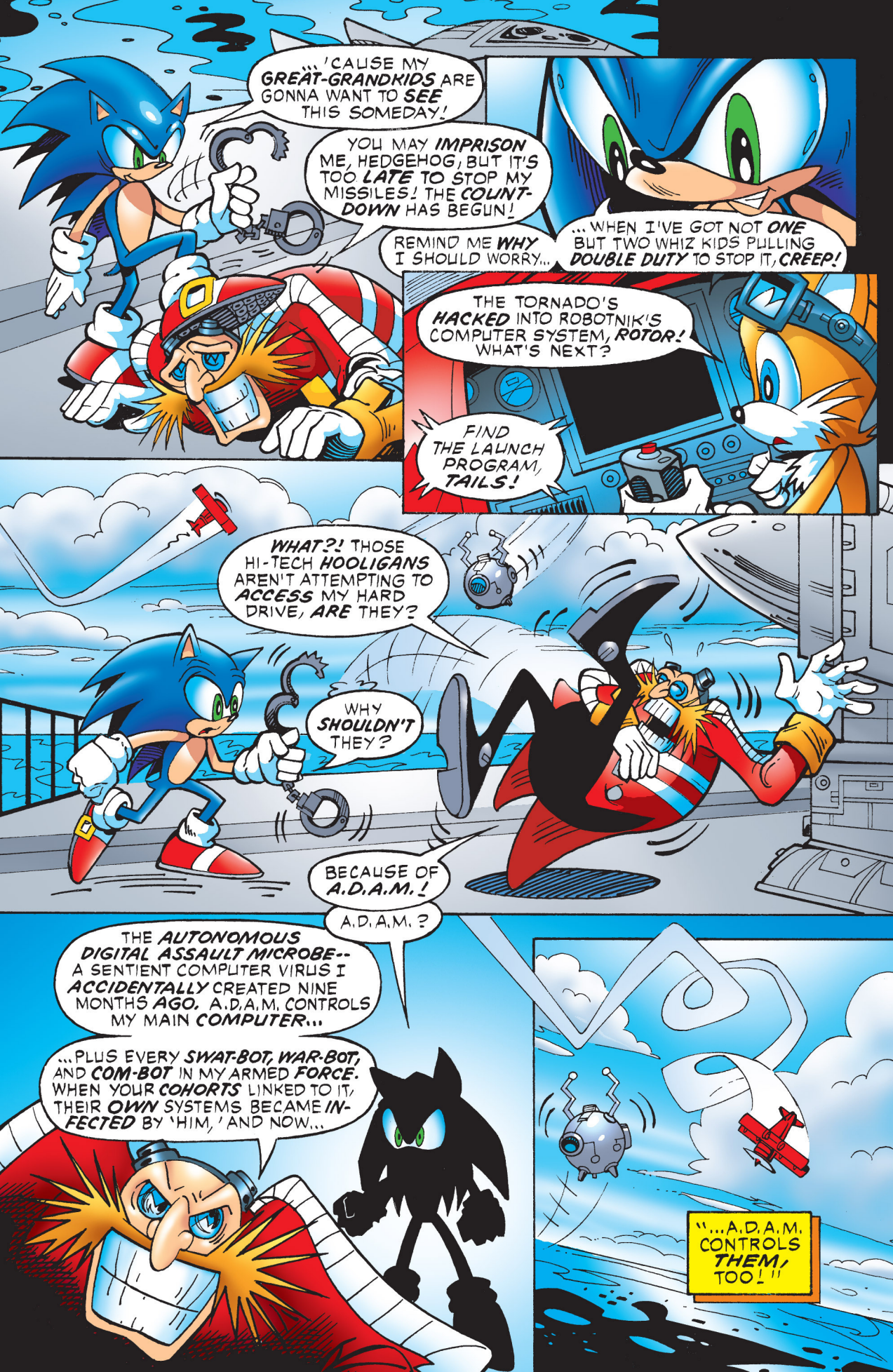
GOTTA HAND IT TO YOUR NEW *SIDEKICK,* EGGMAN. NOT ONLY IS SHE *COOL* AS A CUCUMBER--

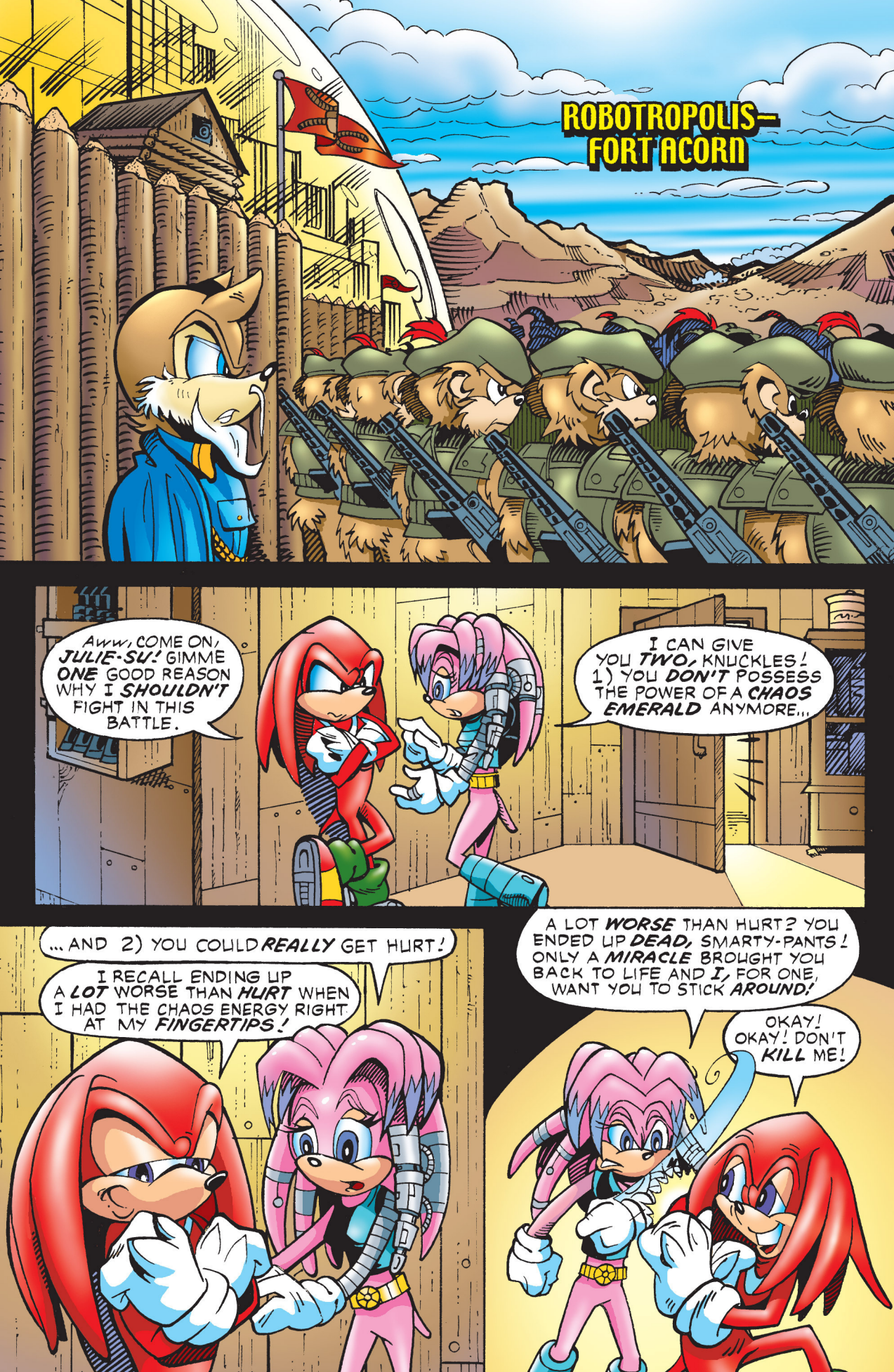
--SHE'S ALSO *QUICK* ON THE UP-TAKE!

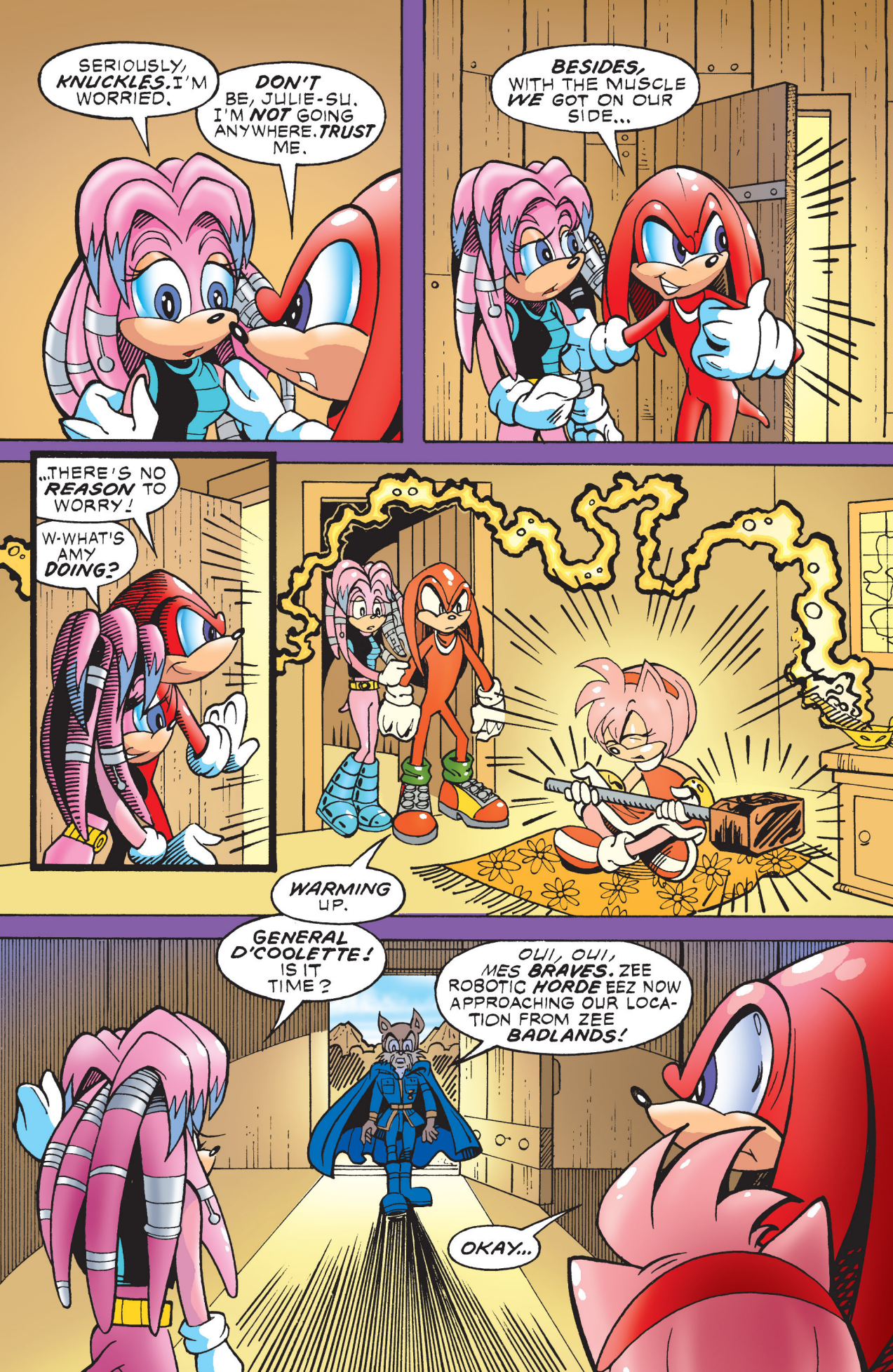
GAH!

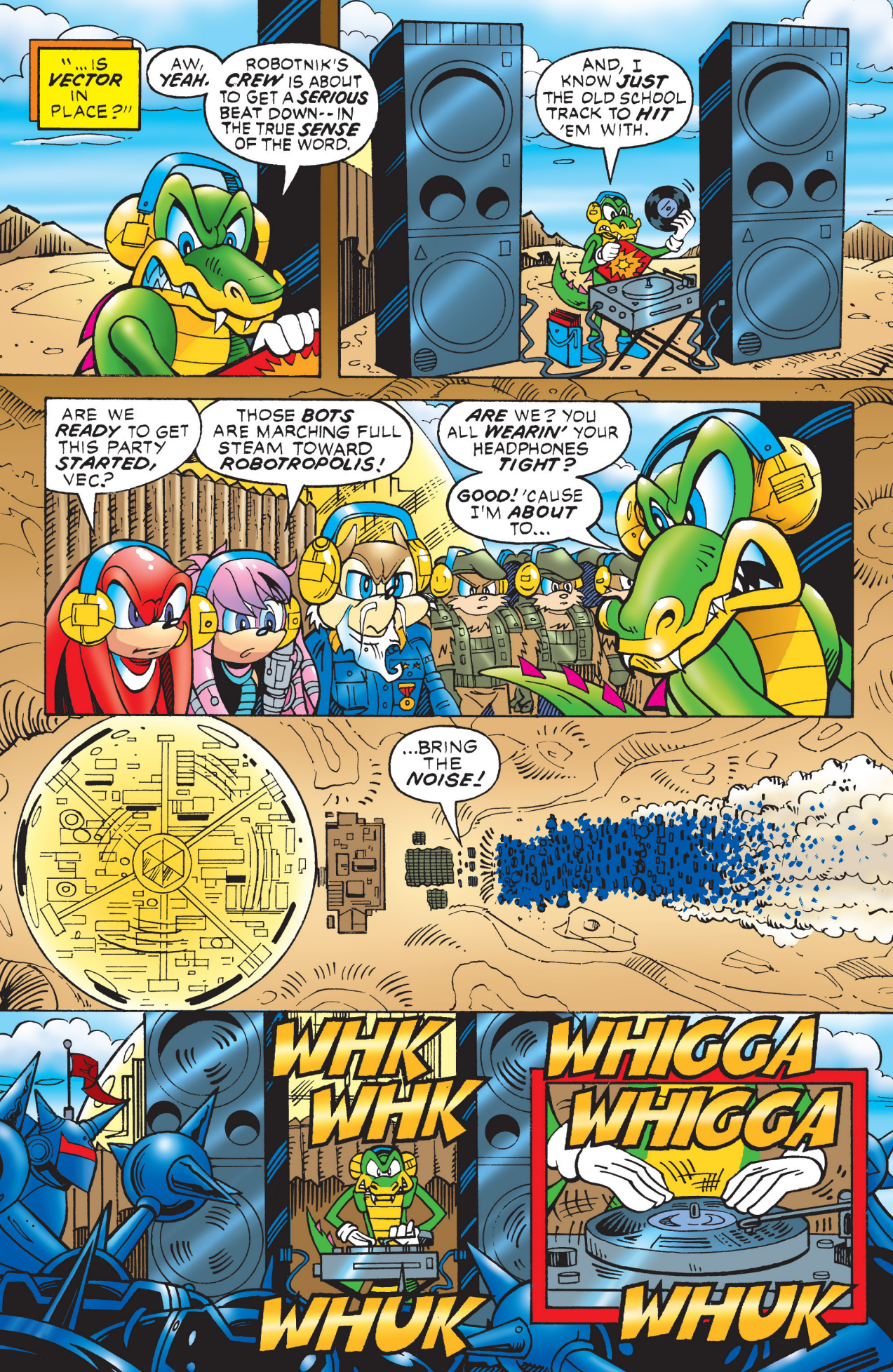
WHAM

HOPE THAT *"HOVER-CAM"* OF YOURS IS STILL *SENDING* A LIVE BROADCAST BACK TO *CASTLE ACORN...*


...'CAUSE MY GREAT-GRANDKIDS ARE GONNA WANT TO SEE THIS SOMEDAY!
YOU MAY IMPRISON ME, HEDGEHOG, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP MY MISSILES! THE COUNT-DOWN HAS BEGUN!
REMIND ME WHY I SHOULD WORRY...
...WHEN I'VE GOT NOT ONE BUT TWO WHIZ KIDS PULLING DOUBLE DUTY TO STOP IT, CREEP!
THE TORNADO'S HACKED INTO ROBOTNIK'S COMPUTER SYSTEM, ROTOR! WHAT'S NEXT?
FIND THE LAUNCH PROGRAM, TAILS!
WHAT?! THOSE HI-TECH HOOLIGANS AREN'T ATTEMPTING TO ACCESS MY HARD DRIVE, ARE THEY?
WHY SHOULDN'T THEY?
BECAUSE OF A.D.A.M.!
A.D.A.M.?
THE AUTONOMOUS DIGITAL ASSAULT MICROBE-- A SENTIENT COMPUTER VIRUS I ACCIDENTALLY CREATED NINE MONTHS AGO. A.D.A.M. CONTROLS MY MAIN COMPUTER...
...PLUS EVERY SWAT-BOT, WAR-BOT, AND COM-BOT IN MY ARMED FORCE. WHEN YOUR COHORTS LINKED TO IT, THEIR OWN SYSTEMS BECAME IN-FECTED BY 'HIM,' AND NOW...
"...A.D.A.M. CONTROLS THEM, TOO!"


ROBOTROPOLIS—
FORT ACORN
Aww, COME ON, JULIE-SU! GIMME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T FIGHT IN THIS BATTLE.
I CAN GIVE YOU TWO, KNUCKLES! 1) YOU DON'T POSSESS THE POWER OF A CHAOS EMERALD ANYMORE...
...AND 2) YOU COULD REALLY GET HURT!
I RECALL ENDING UP A LOT WORSE THAN HURT WHEN I HAD THE CHAOS ENERGY RIGHT AT MY FINGERTIPS!
A LOT WORSE THAN HURT? YOU ENDED UP DEAD, SMARTY-PANTS! ONLY A MIRACLE BROUGHT YOU BACK TO LIFE AND I, FOR ONE, WANT YOU TO STICK AROUND!
OKAY! OKAY! DON'T KILL ME!

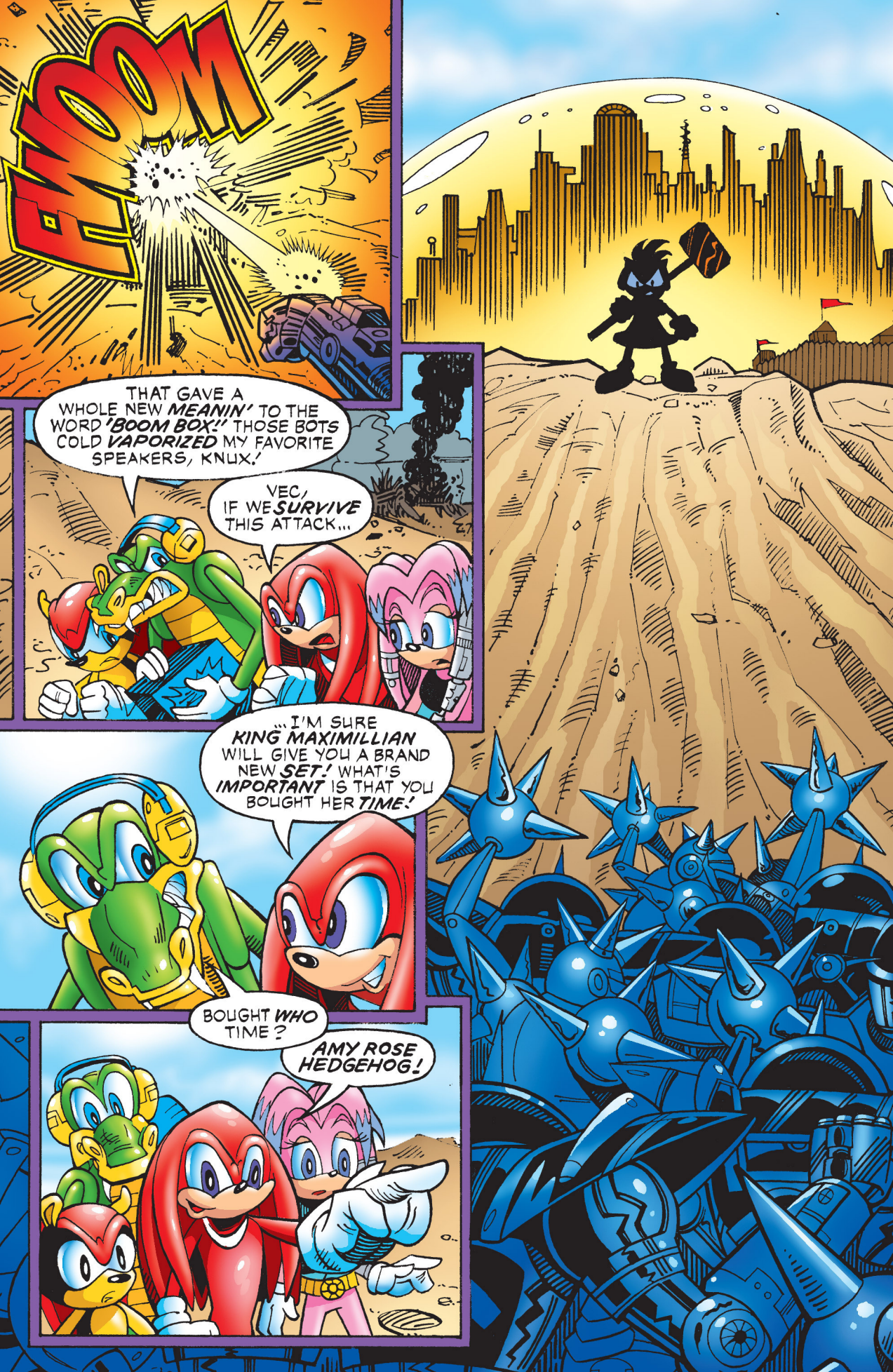

SERIOUSLY, KNUCKLES. I'M WORRIED.
DON'T BE, JULIE-SU. I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE. TRUST ME.
BESIDES, WITH THE MUSCLE WE GOT ON OUR SIDE...
...THERE'S NO REASON TO WORRY!
W-WHAT'S AMY DOING?
WARMING UP.
GENERAL D'COOLETTE! IS IT TIME?
OUI, OUI, MES BRAVES. ZEE ROBOTIC HORDE EEZ NOW APPROACHING OUR LOCATION FROM ZEE BADLANDS!
OKAY...

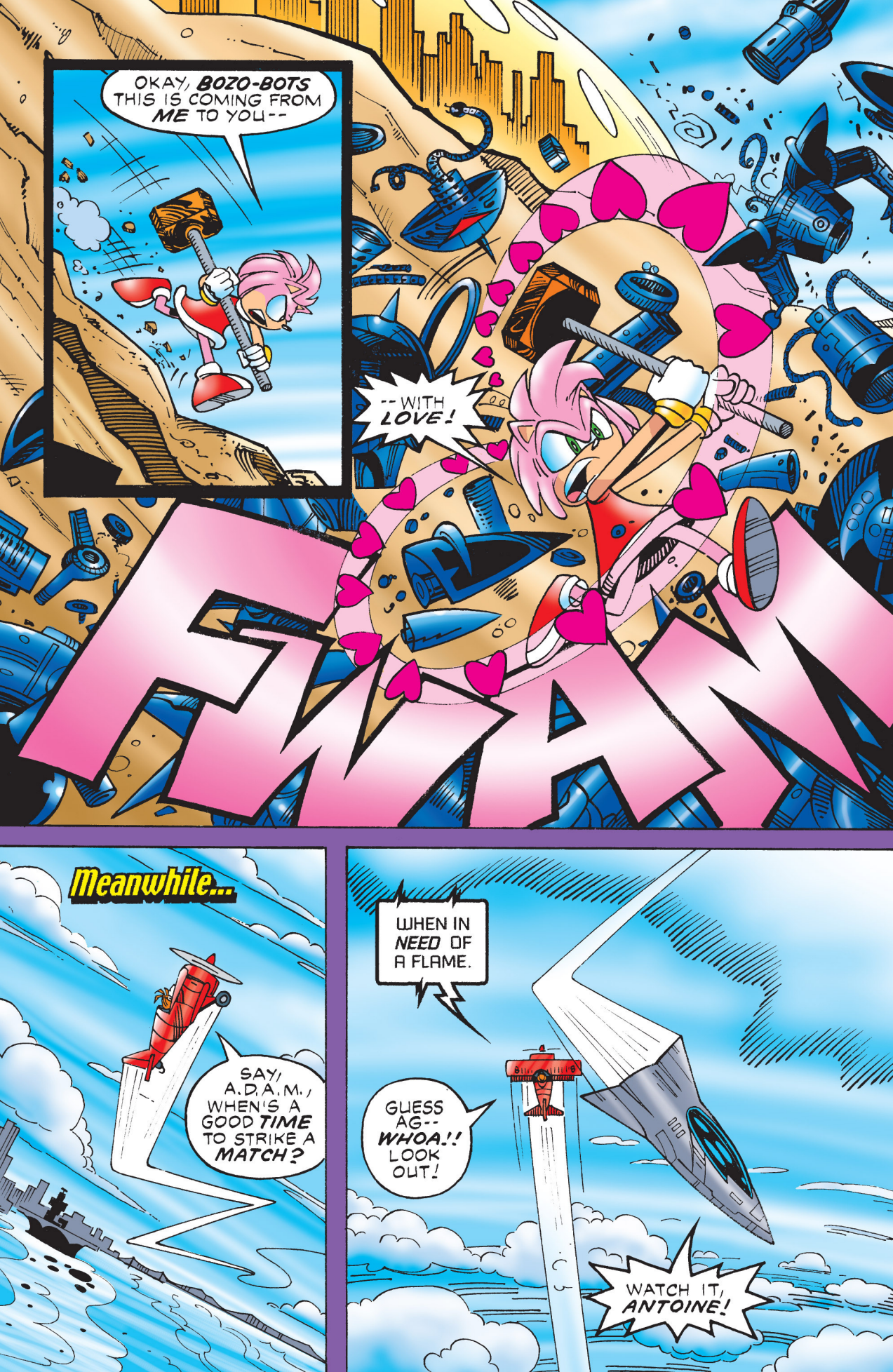

"...IS VECTOR IN PLACE?"
AW, YEAH.
ROBOTNIK'S CREW IS ABOUT TO GET A SERIOUS BEAT DOWN--IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD.
AND, I KNOW JUST THE OLD SCHOOL TRACK TO HIT 'EM WITH.
ARE WE READY TO GET THIS PARTY STARTED, VEC?
THOSE BOTS ARE MARCHING FULL STEAM TOWARD ROBOTROPOLIS!
ARE WE? YOU ALL WEARIN' YOUR HEADPHONES TIGHT?
GOOD! 'CAUSE I'M ABOUT TO...
...BRING THE NOISE!
WHK WHK
WHUK
WHIGGA WHIGGA
WHUK

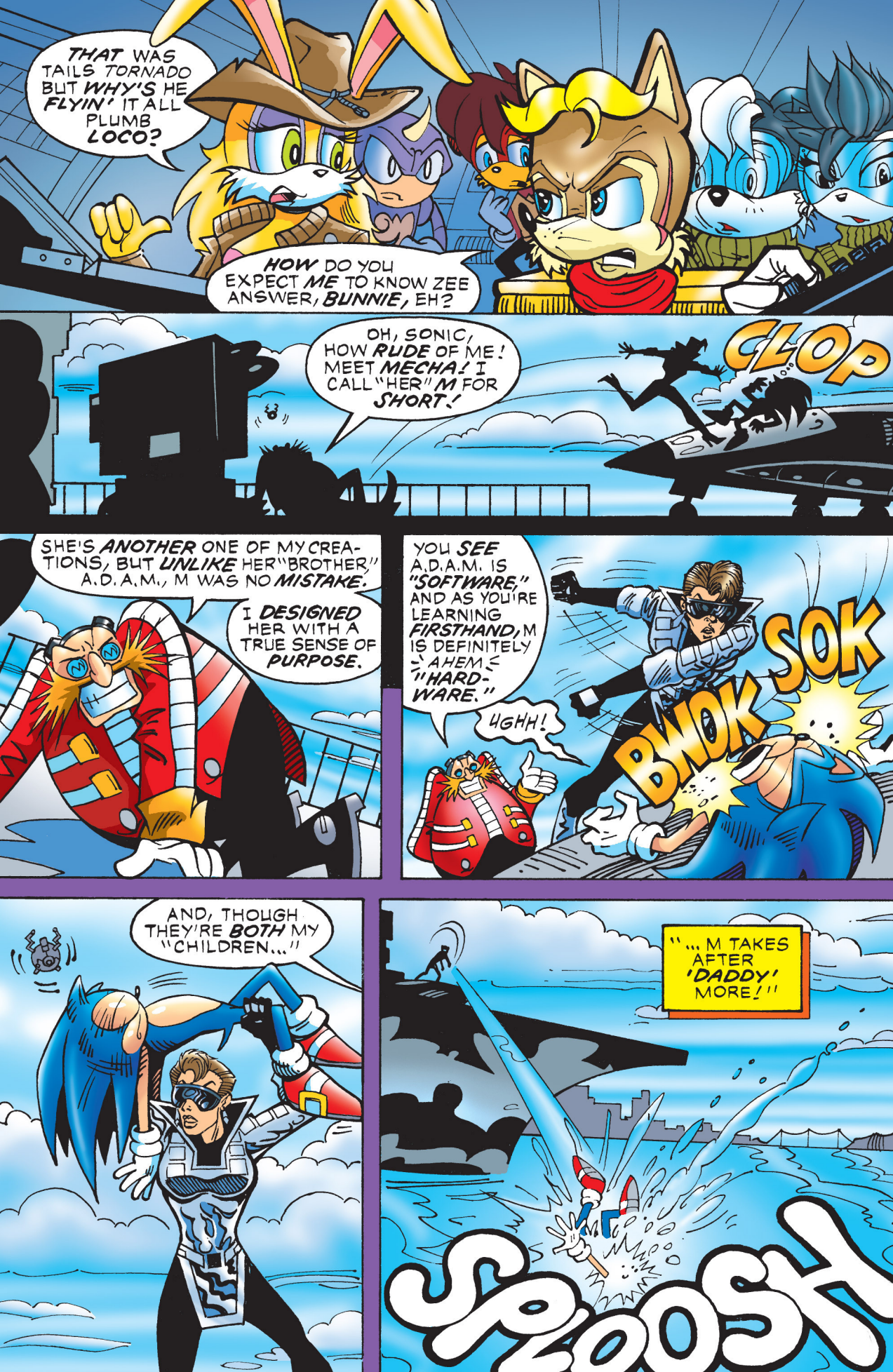
HMMM
HOW'S THAT FOR KEEPIN' IT ON WAX?
SH-KLONG
CASTLE ACORN
MOM... DAD... A.D.A.M. IS IN CONTROL OF ROBOTNIK'S ATOMIC LAUNCH, HIS ROBOT ARMY, AND TAILS TORNADO!
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
PRINCESS SALLY IS RIGHT, SIR CHARLES. WE HAVE TO ACT.
NOT TO WORRY, KING MAX--THIS MIGHT BE A BLESSING IN DIS-GUISE, SINCE THE A.D.A.M ENTITY'S ATTENTION IS NOW SPLIT THREE WAYS!

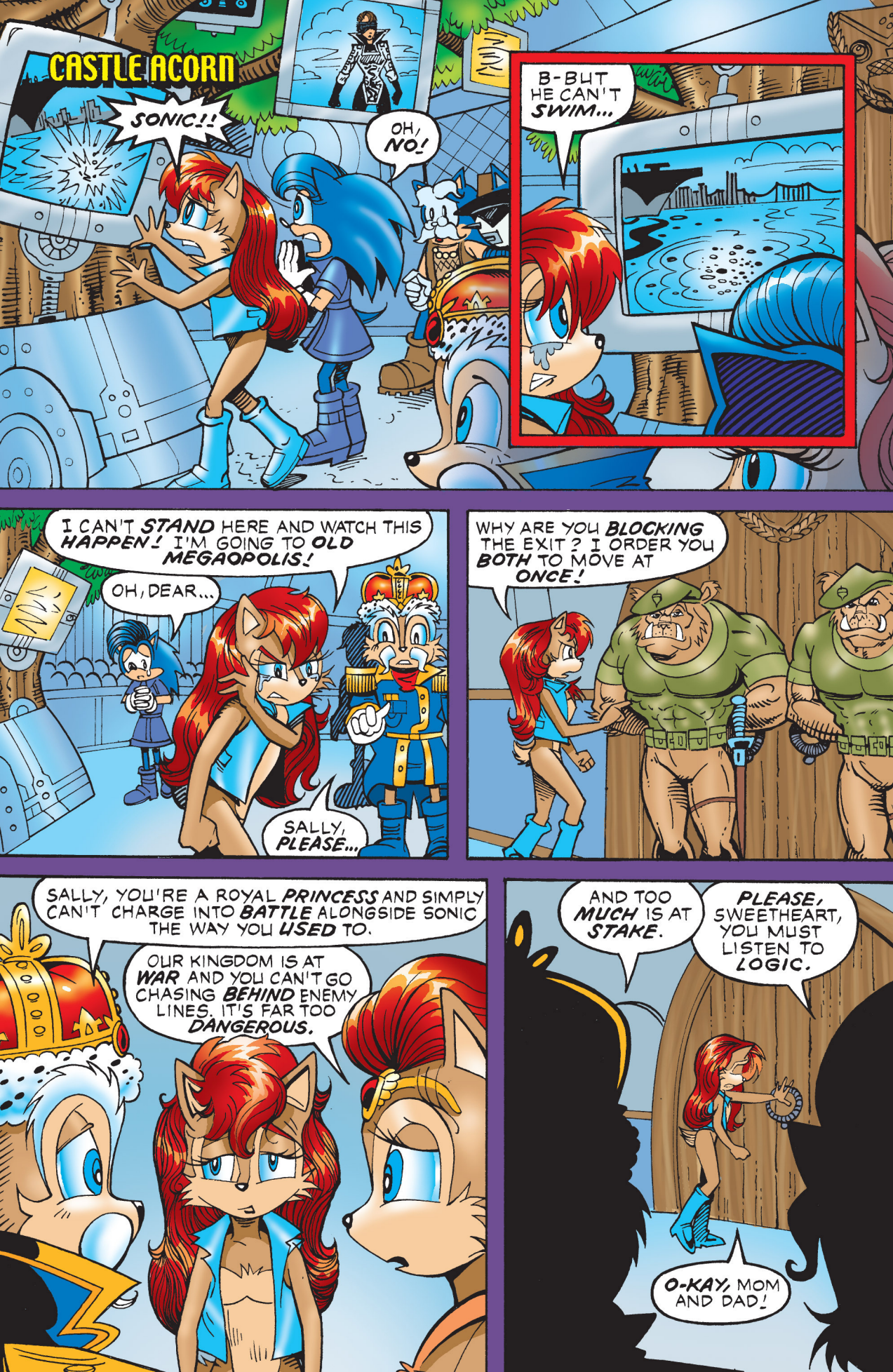
I AM A.D.A.M., TAILS. I ASCERTAIN NO *REASON* FOR YOUR CONTINUED *EXISTENCE.*
SONIC!! *HEEELP!!*
I'M *ONLY* GONNA SAY IT ONCE, RO"BUTT"NIK-- MAKE YOUR PET *VIRUS* STOP!
00:02:57 COUNTDOWN
I *CAN'T,* HERO! HE HAS A *MIND* OF HIS OWN!
ELEVEN POINT *FIVE* SECONDS BEFORE THIS *CRAFT* IMPACTS WITH THE WATERS OFF OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR.
GOODBYE.
A.D.A.M....
...WHY...
...DID...
...THE...
...CHICKEN...
...CROSS...

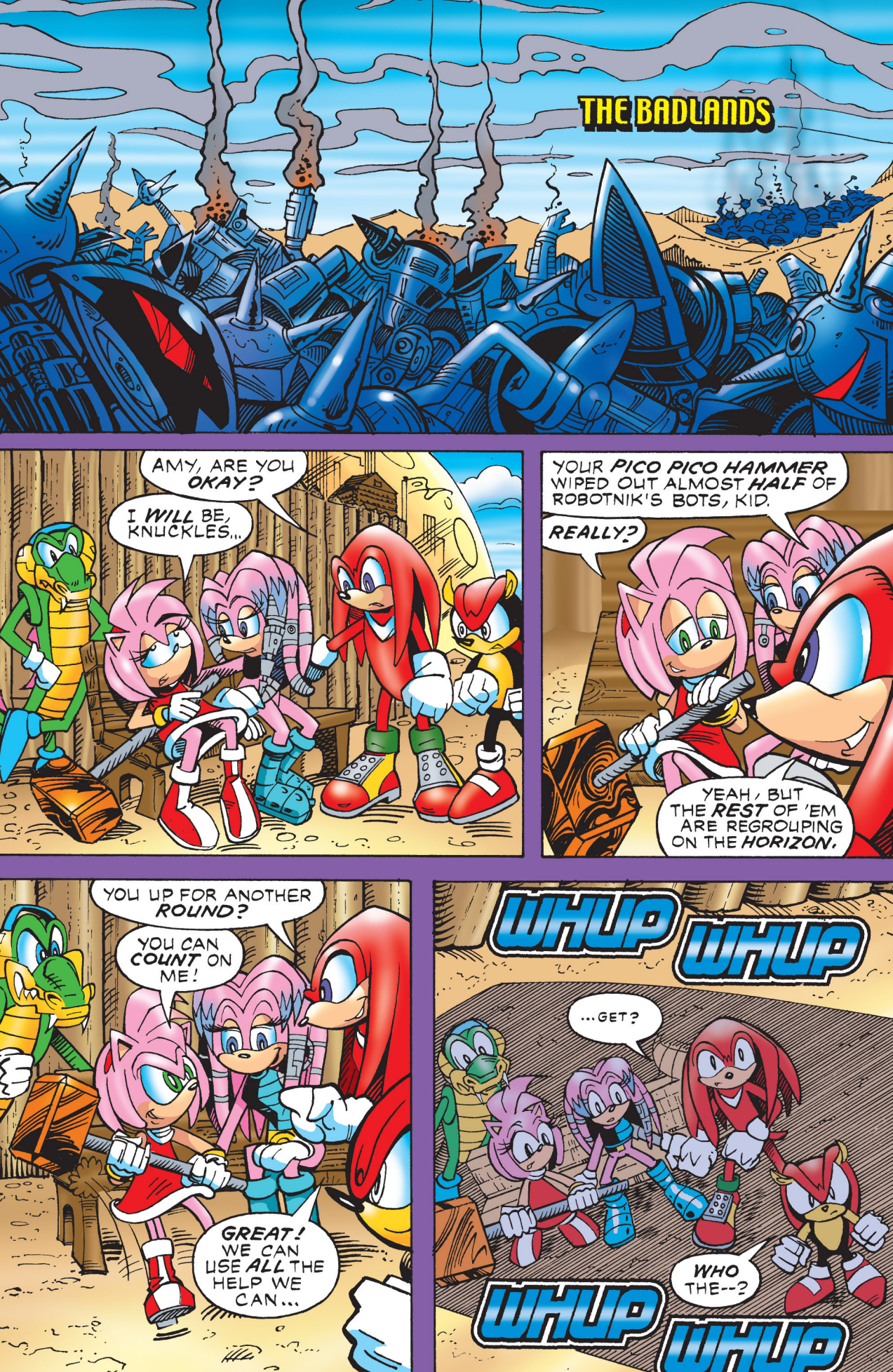
Huh?
...THE ROAD?
SPLISH
YOU HURT FATHER.
KNOK
UGHH!
I DO NOT KNOW. WHY WOULD A DOMESTICATED FARM FOWL TRAVERSE A PUBLIC PATHWAY?
TO GET TO THE OTHER SIDE!
INTERESTING. THAT WOULD TECHNICALLY BE THE CHICKEN'S BASE MOTIVATION...
NO ONE HURTS FATHER!
WAM

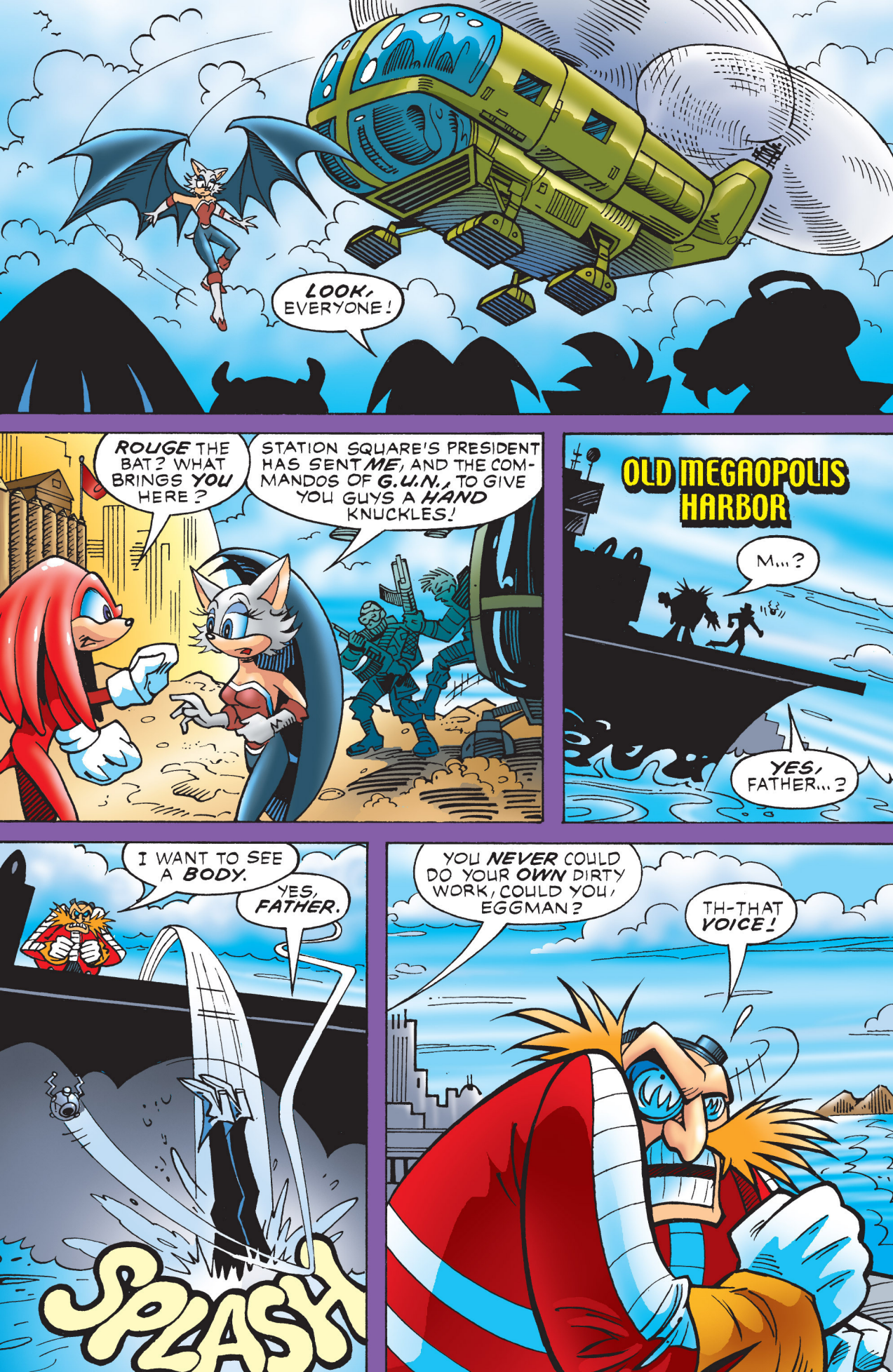

KA-BOOM
THAT GAVE A WHOLE NEW MEANIN' TO THE WORD 'BOOM BOX!' THOSE BOTS COLD VAPORIZED MY FAVORITE SPEAKERS, KNUX.!
VEC, IF WE SURVIVE THIS ATTACK...
...I'M SURE KING MAXIMILLIAN WILL GIVE YOU A BRAND NEW SET.! WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT YOU BOUGHT HER TIME!
BOUGHT WHO TIME?
AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG!

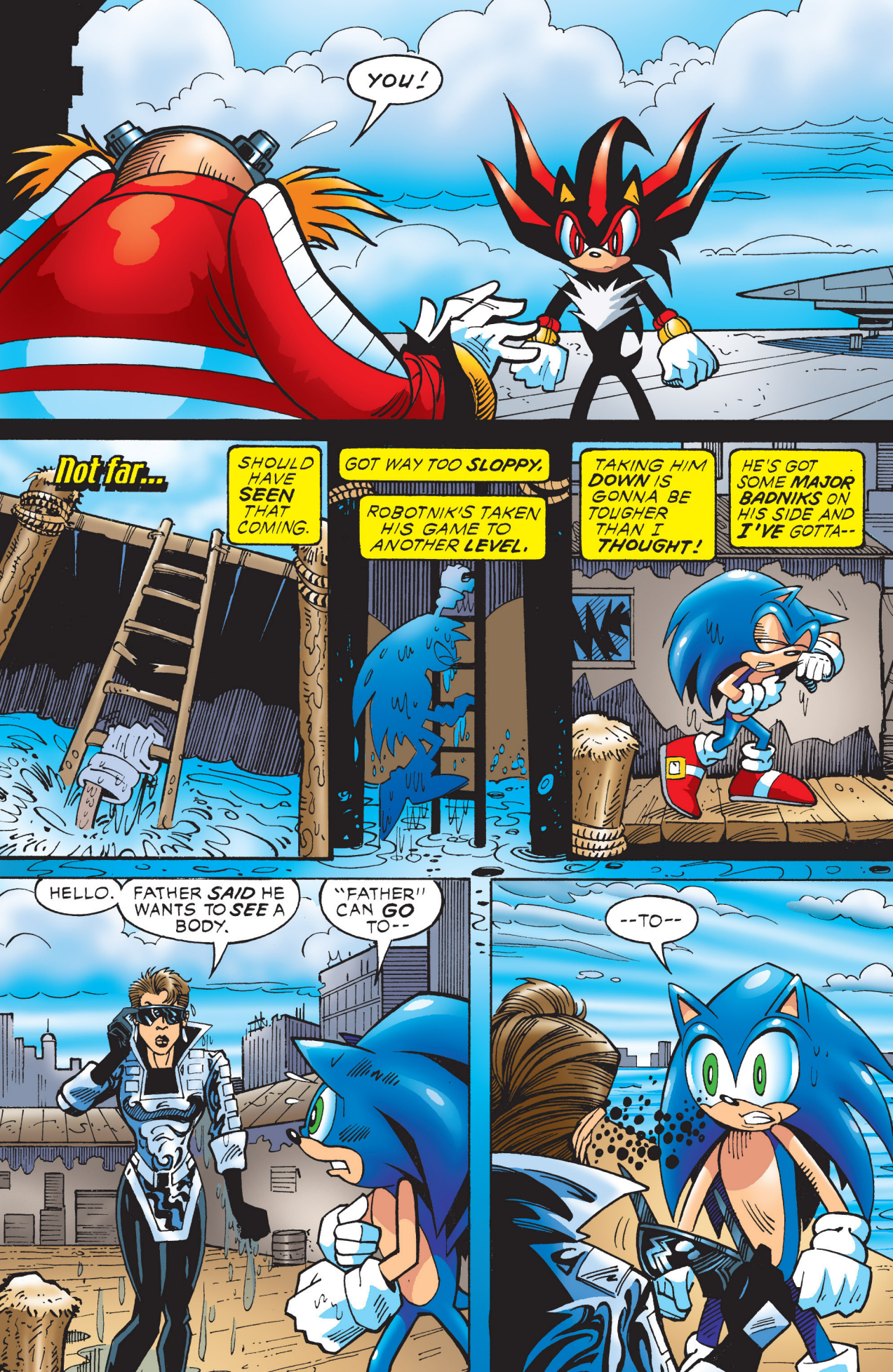

OKAY, BOZO-BOTS THIS IS COMING FROM ME TO YOU--
--WITH LOVE!
SWAT
Meanwhile...
SAY, A.D.A.M., WHEN'S A GOOD TIME TO STRIKE A MATCH?
WHEN IN NEED OF A FLAME.
GUESS AG-- WHOA!! LOOK OUT!
WATCH IT, ANTOINE!


THAT WAS TAILS TORNADO BUT WHY'S HE FLYIN' IT ALL PLUMB LOCO?
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO KNOW ZEE ANSWER, BUNNIE, EH?
OH, SONIC, HOW RUDE OF ME! MEET MECHA! I CALL "HER" M FOR SHORT.
CLOP
SHE'S ANOTHER ONE OF MY CREATIONS, BUT UNLIKE HER "BROTHER," A.D.A.M., M WAS NO MISTAKE.
I DESIGNED HER WITH A TRUE SENSE OF PURPOSE.
YOU SEE A.D.A.M. IS "SOFTWARE," AND AS YOU'RE LEARNING FIRSTHAND, M IS DEFINITELY -AHEM- "HARD-WARE."
UGHH!
BWOK
SOK
AND, THOUGH THEY'RE BOTH MY "CHILDREN..."
"... M TAKES AFTER 'DADDY' MORE!"
SPLOOSH

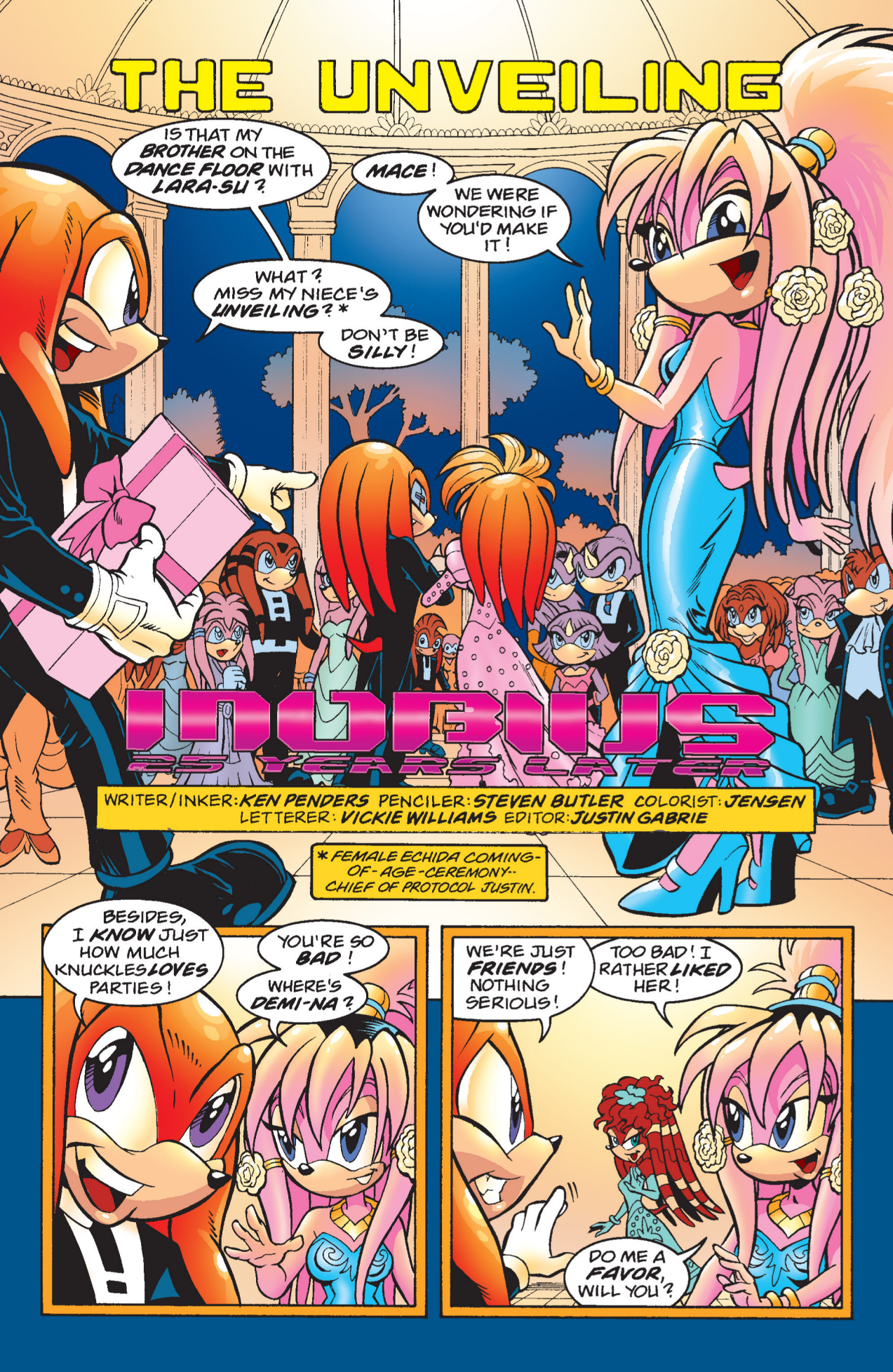

CASTLE ACORN
SONIC!!
OH, NO!
B-BUT HE CAN'T SWIM...
I CAN'T STAND HERE AND WATCH THIS HAPPEN! I'M GOING TO OLD MEGAOPOLIS!
OH, DEAR...
SALLY, PLEASE...
WHY ARE YOU BLOCKING THE EXIT? I ORDER YOU BOTH TO MOVE AT ONCE!
SALLY, YOU'RE A ROYAL PRINCESS AND SIMPLY CAN'T CHARGE INTO BATTLE ALONGSIDE SONIC THE WAY YOU USED TO.
OUR KINGDOM IS AT WAR AND YOU CAN'T GO CHASING BEHIND ENEMY LINES. IT'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS.
AND TOO MUCH IS AT STAKE.
PLEASE, SWEETHEART, YOU MUST LISTEN TO LOGIC.
O-KAY, MOM AND DAD.


THE BADLANDS
AMY, ARE YOU OKAY?
I WILL BE, KNUCKLES...
YOUR PICO PICO HAMMER WIPED OUT ALMOST HALF OF ROBOTNIK'S BOTS, KID.
REALLY?
YEAH, BUT THE REST OF 'EM ARE REGROUPING ON THE HORIZON.
YOU UP FOR ANOTHER ROUND?
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!
GREAT! WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN...
WHUP WHUP
...GET?
WHO THE--?
WHUP WHUP


LOOK, EVERYONE!
ROUGE THE BAT? WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
STATION SQUARE'S PRESIDENT HAS SENT ME, AND THE COMMANDOS OF G.U.N., TO GIVE YOU GUYS A HAND KNUCKLES!
OLD MEGAOPOLIS HARBOR
M...?
YES, FATHER...?
I WANT TO SEE A BODY.
YES, FATHER.
SPLASH
YOU NEVER COULD DO YOUR OWN DIRTY WORK, COULD YOU, EGGMAN?
TH-THAT VOICE!


YOU!
Not far...
SHOULD HAVE SEEN THAT COMING.
GOT WAY TOO SLOPPY.
ROBOTNIK'S TAKEN HIS GAME TO ANOTHER LEVEL.
TAKING HIM DOWN IS GONNA BE TOUGHER THAN I THOUGHT!
HE'S GOT SOME MAJOR BADNIKS ON HIS SIDE AND I'VE GOTTA--
HELLO.
FATHER SAID HE WANTS TO SEE A BODY.
"FATHER" CAN GO TO--
--TO--

YES...?
UH-OH!
TO BE CONTINUED!


THE UNVEILING
IS THAT MY BROTHER ON THE DANCE FLOOR WITH LARA-SU?
MACE!
WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU'D MAKE IT!
WHAT? MISS MY NIECE'S UNVEILING?*
DON'T BE SILLY!
INOBUS
25 YEARS LATER
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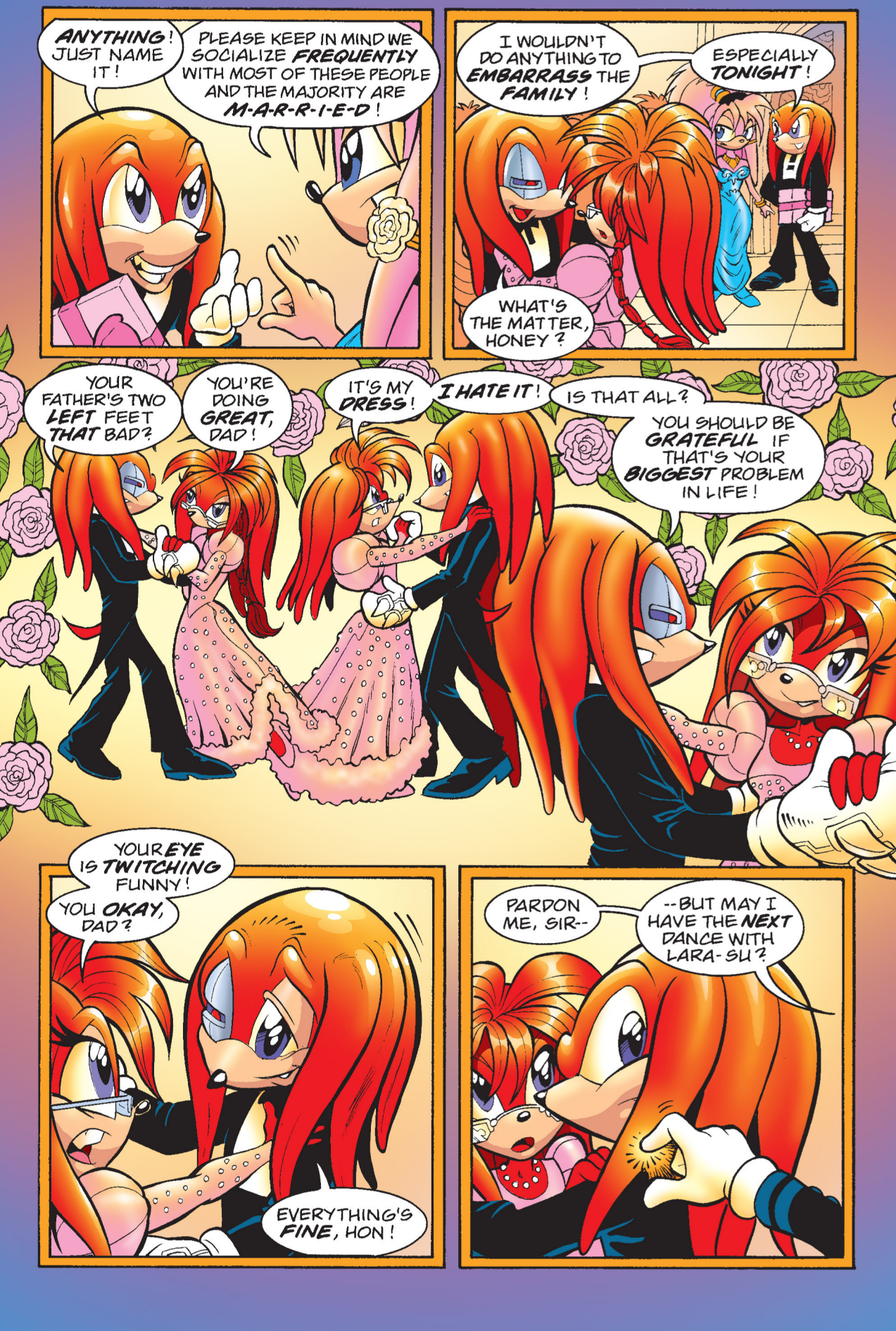
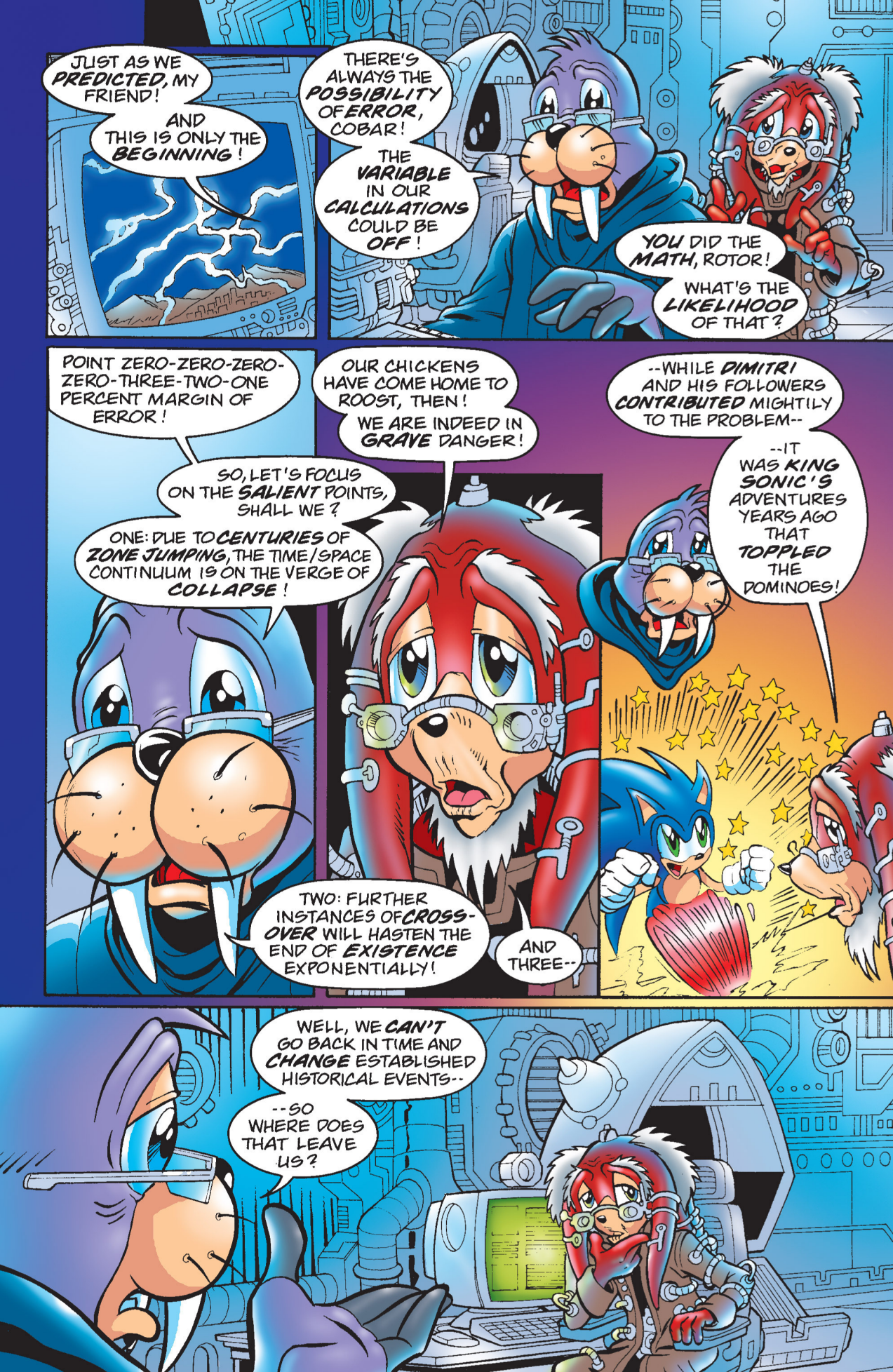
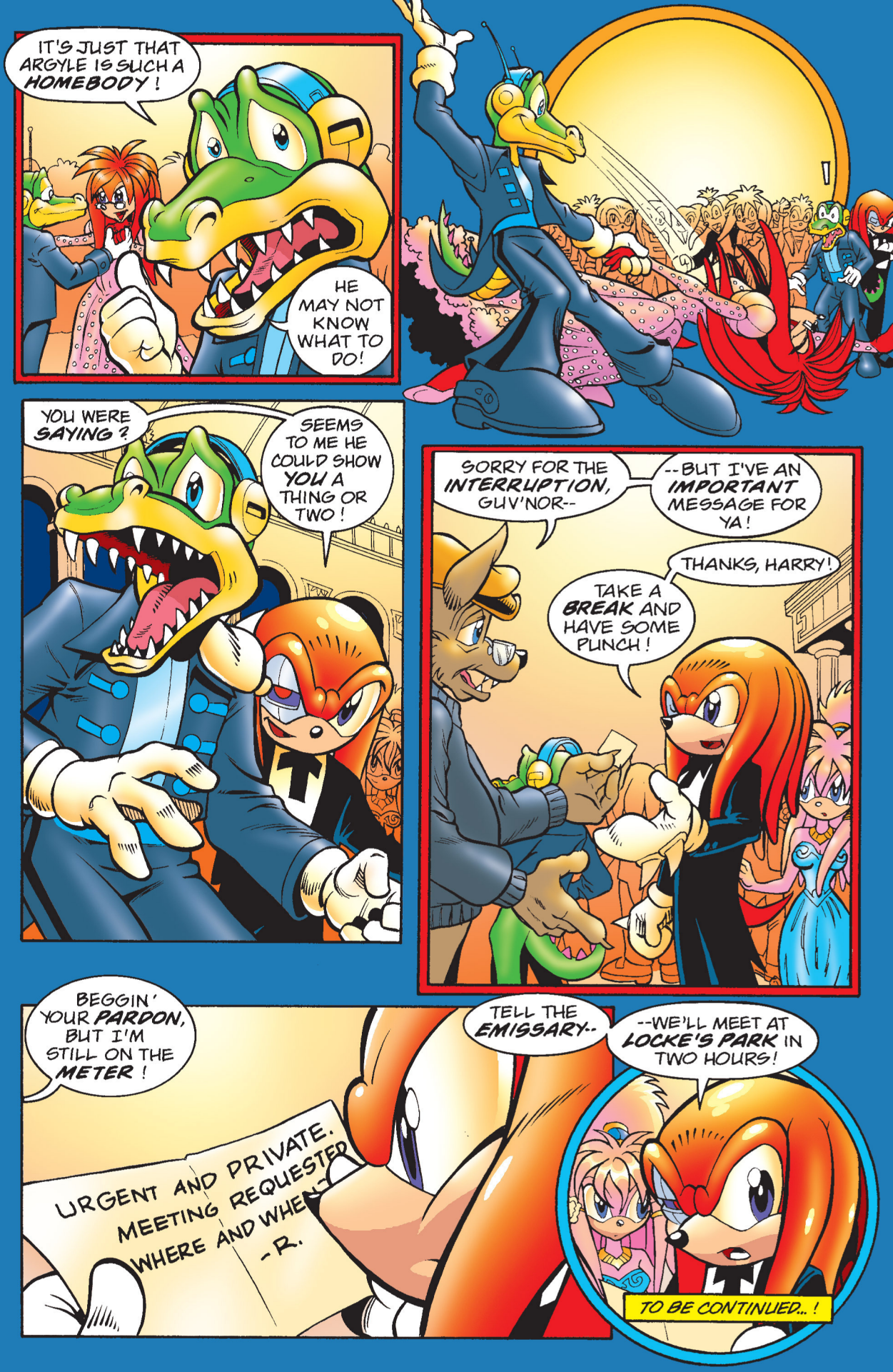
* FEMALE ECHIDA COMING-OF-AGE-CEREMONY-- CHIEF OF PROTOCOL JUSTIN.
BESIDES, I KNOW JUST HOW MUCH KNUCKLES LOVES PARTIES!
YOU'RE SO BAD!
WHERE'S DEMI-NA?
WE'RE JUST FRIENDS! NOTHING SERIOUS!
TOO BAD! I RATHER LIKED HER!
DO ME A FAVOR, WILL YOU?


ANYTHING! JUST NAME IT!
PLEASE KEEP IN MIND WE SOCIALIZE FREQUENTLY WITH MOST OF THESE PEOPLE AND THE MAJORITY ARE M-A-R-R-I-E-D!
I WOULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS THE FAMILY!
ESPECIALLY TONIGHT!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HONEY?
YOUR FATHER'S TWO LEFT FEET THAT BAD?
YOU'RE DOING GREAT, DAD!
IT'S MY DRESS!
I HATE IT!
IS THAT ALL?
YOU SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF THAT'S YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IN LIFE!
YOUR EYE IS TWITCHING FUNNY!
YOU OKAY, DAD?
EVERYTHING'S FINE, HON!
PARDON ME, SIR--
--BUT MAY I HAVE THE NEXT DANCE WITH LARA-SU?

LOOKS LIKE MY BRO JUST GOT DUMPED!
HE ONLY GETS THE FIRST DANCE, MACE!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT HERE, BABE?
THE PARTY'S INSIDE!
YESTERDAY, I WAS BOUNCING HER ON MY KNEE!
AND TODAY--!
IT GOES BY FAST, DOESN'T IT?


JUST AS WE PREDICTED, MY FRIEND!
AND THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING!
THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY OF ERROR, COBAR!
THE VARIABLE IN OUR CALCULATIONS COULD BE OFF!
YOU DID THE MATH, ROTOR!
WHAT'S THE LIKELIHOOD OF THAT?
POINT ZERO-ZERO-ZERO-ZERO-THREE-TWO-ONE PERCENT MARGIN OF ERROR!
SO, LET'S FOCUS ON THE SALIENT POINTS, SHALL WE?
ONE: DUE TO CENTURIES OF ZONE JUMPING, THE TIME/SPACE CONTINUUM IS ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE!
OUR CHICKENS HAVE COME HOME TO ROOST, THEN!
WE ARE INDEED IN GRAVE DANGER!
--WHILE DIMITRI AND HIS FOLLOWERS CONTRIBUTED MIGHTILY TO THE PROBLEM--
--IT WAS KING SONIC'S ADVENTURES YEARS AGO THAT TOPPLED THE DOMINOES!
TWO: FURTHER INSTANCES OF CROSS-OVER WILL HASTEN THE END OF EXISTENCE EXPONENTIALLY!
AND THREE--
WELL, WE CAN'T GO BACK IN TIME AND CHANGE ESTABLISHED HISTORICAL EVENTS--
--SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?

IN QUITE A PICKLE!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, I BETTER BE OFF FOR A PRIOR COMMITMENT BEFORE MY NON-APPEARANCE IS PERCEIVED AS A ROYAL SNUB!
THEN YOU'D BEST BE OFF, MY FRIEND!
OUR PROBLEM WILL STILL BE WITH US IN THE MORNING!
TAXI
ONLY SQUARES DON'T MAKE WITH THE FASHIONABLY LATE ARRIVALS, SON--
--AS THE BEST IS ALWAYS SAVED FOR LAST!
WITH US HERE, NOW IT'S A PARTY!
KNUCKLES, MY MAN!
ARGYLE HERE WANTS TO SHOW THE REST OF THESE HOMIES HOW TO BOOGIE WITH YOUR GIRL!
SHE'S OVER THERE, SON!
GO SHOW YOUR OLD MAN HOW TO GET INTO THE GROOVE!
WASSAMATTER, VEC?
WHY SO NERVOUS?


IT'S JUST THAT ARGYLE IS SUCH A HOMEBODY!
HE MAY NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO!
YOU WERE SAYING?
SEEMS TO ME HE COULD SHOW YOU A THING OR TWO!
SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION, GUV'NOR--
--BUT I'VE AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR YA!
THANKS, HARRY!
TAKE A BREAK AND HAVE SOME PUNCH!
BEGGIN' YOUR PARDON, BUT I'M STILL ON THE METER!
URGENT AND PRIVATE. MEETING REQUESTED WHERE AND WHE -R.
TELL THE EMISSARY--
--WE'LL MEET AT LOCKE'S PARK IN TWO HOURS!
TO BE CONTINUED...!